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RE HB 5277

Hello Co-Chairs Daugherty Abrams, Steinberg, and Vice-Chairs Anwar, Kushner Gilchrest and other Distinighed Members:

My name is Mary-Ann Langton, and I live in West Hartford. Patty Ellis, who is my personal assistant, will be reading my testimony that I have written for today's hearing. Ms. Ellis lives in Windsor.

As a woman with a severe disability who uses a power wheelchair, I am in support of Bill Number 5277 - **AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF STANDARD MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPMENT THAT PROMOTES ACCESSIBILTY IN HEALTHCARE FACILITIES**. This bill is extremely important to the 55,000 folks with mobility disabilities in Connecticut. In addition, people who are obese and the elderly would find these accessible features useful, too.

Imagine being in a power chair and not feeling well. Your head is throbbing, and your doctor has ordered you to have a Cat-Scan Test to see if you might have a sinus infection. You rolled into the testing room with your power wheelchair and there is a gasp from the medical assistant because she/he do not know what to do with you!!! Then you see medical assistants huddle together trying to figure out how to assist you onto the high table. **THIS A TRUE STORY THAT HAS HAPPENED TO ME MANY TIMES.**

I hope that you will vote 'yes' to this very important Bill. By voting 'yes', you will make our state a leader with requiring accessible medical equipment within doctors' offices as well as in healthcare facilities.

Thank you.